



BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: June 11, 2014

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Location: The Arc of NC

TYPE OF MEETING		Quarterly Meeting		
FACILITATOR		Carol Ornitz, Chairperson		
ATTENDEES				
NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	
(Council Members)				GUESTS
James Amos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Betty Lilyquist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Pat Babin-Cardinal
Jean Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Latoya Lucas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Julia Zeigler
Dale Beatty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Makor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Johnson-Rep for Ken Jones
Helaine Bilos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen McCulloch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenneth Bausell-DMA
Josh Bloom	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Ornitz, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rachel Weber
Cindy Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terri Reichert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Strom (Rep. for NCCDD)
Spenser Clark	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Seidenspinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Harrison
Alan Dellapenna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vicki Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sheri Bartel
Amy Douglas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beverly Speroff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Courtney Cantrell-DMH
Michiele Elliott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Swain	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sandra Farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sherry Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Craig Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pier Tarrant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Thompson Forbes III	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenneth Wilkins	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Travis Glass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Deb Goda	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Thomas Henson Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff to Council		
Linda Herbert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan Kaye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ken Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. Agenda topic: Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Minutes

C. Ornitz

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ornitz called the meeting to order and welcomed members, new members, and guests who all introduced themselves. No changes were noted to the minutes from March 19, 2014. A motion was made by Ms. Farmer with a second by Ms. Tarrant to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor with no opposition and not abstention, motion passed. 		
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the March 2014 meeting were adopted. 		
Action Items		Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes will be posted on the web. 		Janice White	ASAP

2. Agenda topic: Appointments

L. Herbert

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dept. Of Public instruction (DPI) has appointed Dreama McCoy and Lynn Makor starting 3/19/14. The position for the NC Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) is still vacant at present. When a new Director is named, the Secretary of DHHS will decide upon an appointment. As of September 30, 2014 Travis Glass will have served two terms as allowed, therefore will not be eligible for re-appointment. A new brain injury survivor will need to be identified from the western region of the state. Staff will work with the Governor's office on this appointment. Betty Lilyquist has resigned from the Council therefor will not serve a second term when her term expires September 30, 2014. A new family member will need to be identified. Will work with the Governor's office. Latoya Lucas, brain injury survivor representative for the eastern region of the state has attended one of the past eight meetings; this is less than the 75% of all meetings which is the requirement
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	<p>by Executive Order. The Council staff will consult with the Governor's office to determine how to move forward with this appointment for a survivor from the east.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Seidenspinner, brain injury survivor representative for the central region of the state has attended three of the past eight meetings. The Council staff will consult the Governor's office to determine how to proceed with this appointment.• James Amos, the Council's representative for acquired brain injury (ABI), has informed the Chair that he has been ill. His appointment ends in September; the Council staff will consult with the American Heart Association and the Governor's office for how to proceed with this appointment.• The position for a representative from the NC Division of Veterans Affairs has been filled by the Department of Administration with the Director of the Division of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Ilario Pantano which is effective 5/14/14.• The position of Executive Director of Disability Rights NC expires 9/30/14. Staff will discuss this position with the Governor's office. <p>Mr. Glass asked about travel reimbursement which he stated was addressed in the legislation. Staff will look into this inquiry.</p>				
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are several terms ending and recommendations how to fill those seats were discussed.• The Council will work with the appointing bodies to find replacements for positions.				
Action Items	<table><tr><th>Person(s) Responsible</th><th>Deadline</th></tr><tr><td>J. White</td><td>ASAP</td></tr></table>	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	J. White	ASAP
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff will continue to work on appointments and will update membership roster and committee list accordingly.• Staff will look into travel reimbursement for Council members.					

3. Agenda topic: Legislative Updates

S. Farmer/C. Ornitz

Discussion	Ms. Farmer reported on the following <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Brain Injury Association of NC held a Brain Injury Legislative Day on May 22nd, 2014 which was well received and had a good turnout.Legislative requests for the short session include: 1. Writing of a TBI Waiver; 2. Protection of the existing State TBI money; and 3. A TBI Study CommissionThese requests were addressed in both Senate & House budgets to varying degrees. What ends up in the final budget is to be determined.Have been told that there will be no funding for the TBI Waiver in this budget year. A waiver can be written and sent to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for review but cannot be implemented until funding is attached.The TBI Waiver will need to adhere to the new Home & Community Based Stands (HCBS) which DMA is familiar with.A TBI Waiver will not be functional for those with behavioral issues if the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) rate is used for cost neutrality. This issue will need to be looked at closely.		
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A group will be formed to include DMA, DMH, Council members and other interested parties to work on this waiver should it be included in this sessions budget bill.		
Action Items		Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Form workgroup for TBI Waiver		DMA/DMH	Ongoing

4. Agenda topic: Partnership for a Healthy NC Update

Courtney Cantrell-Acting Director DMH

Discussion	<p>Dr. Courtney Cantrell-Acting Director of the Division of MHDDSAS discussed Medicaid Reform in NC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Division would like Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to be the leaders in the new Medicaid Managed Care realm. Primary Care has been rewarded for volume of patients seen; ACOs would be rewarded for quality of service. • ACOs would look at both primary and behavioral health care. • When stakeholder groups are assembled (maybe as soon as the summer of 2015) be sure to include the TBI voice. • The Division of MHDDSAS is looking towards the possibility of downsizing to 4 LME/MCOs. <p>Questions were addressed from members of the Council and other gathered at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBI needs to be present on all websites, including the Division and each LME/MCO. • Difficult to "get the word out" that TBI is serviced under DMHDDSAS. LMEs have part of this responsibility. • Care Coordinators do not know enough about their TBI cases; this should be addressed at the LME level by including the TBI point of contact; The Division also offers technical assistance on cases. <p>Dr. Cantrell also announced that the Division is undergoing a re-organization and that Jan White will be</p>
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	working solely on TBI after July 1, 2014.		
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid reform is ongoing in NC. TBI will need to be present and have a voice in all future stakeholder meetings. 		
Action Items			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request was made for a map of the four proposed future LME/MCOs. 	J. White	9/10/14	

5. Agenda topic **Division Update**

J. White/J. Kaye

Discussion	<p>Ms. White gave a financial report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$555,323 of TBI funds were spent in Q1, this is a revised number from what was reported at the last meeting. \$619,542 was spent in Q2. To date \$1,174,865 has been spent of the \$2,013,816 which is 58% of the money allocated therefore spending is on target for the year. At the end of Q3 there was one de-allocation; this money was re-allocated to another LME. <p>Ms. Kaye reported that TBI Grant announcements have not yet come out from HRSA. The Division will alert the Council when it receives formal notice regarding the grant.</p>		
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council was informed about Division of MH/DD/SAS TBI Program finances. DMH TBI staff will continue to work with LMEs around TBI services. 		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time 			

5. Agenda topic **Protection & Advocacy Update**

V. Smith

Discussion	<p>Ms. Vicki Smith gave the report for Disability Rights North Carolina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRNC offices have moved to: 3724 National Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27612. Phone remains the same. Money is received for different programs: 4 disability specific-DD, Mental Illness, TBI & General Disability and for 3 specific issues-Voting, Assistive Technology & Work. 34 staff works statewide including 18 attorneys. Conduct investigations of abuse & neglect. Soon they will send out a survey to assist in determining "Targets" for the next fiscal year. Vicki will send to Jan who will distribute to the Council. Closer to taking Olmstead action around TBI; need to look at possible unintended consequences. Description of "Medicaid Buy-In" program for working people with disabilities; allows working people with disabilities to earn more income without the risk of losing vital health care coverage. Have sued the NC Division of Motor Vehicles because of discriminatory practices towards people with disabilities. 		
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more detailed information please go to: www.disabilityrightsncc.org 		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRNC survey will be sent to all. 	Jan White	When available	

6. Agenda topic: **Committee Reports**

Discussion	<p>Health Services-Michele Elliot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for the Council and Chair to determine this committee's next task. A data work group was suggested and will be considered, including looking at TBI Registries in other states. <p>Prevention- Alan Dellapenna and Thomas Henson- Co Chairs -J. White asked to give a report on the TBI Children & Youth Prevention Community of Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to participate with the Children's Safety Network TBI Prevention Community of Practice which will end in August. Public Health has offered the help of two interns to assist in writing the TBI Children & Youth Prevention Plan. When it is complete it will be sent to the Council for input and edits. <p>Children & Youth-Liz Newlin/Lynn Makor are the new Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee continues to work on issues around concussion and "Return to Learn". Dr. Steve Hooper is also helping with this effort. It has been decided that instead of pursuing legislation (such as amending the Gfeller/Waller Act) a concussion protocol which has been piloted in the Wake County School District will be proposed
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	statewide through DPI. Details will be forthcoming as the committee proceeds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to have recommendation to the Board of Ed for consideration by December. Veterans- H. Bilos/Ilario Pantano <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meeting was held May 13th. • Committee will focus specifically on rural veterans, making veterans aware of existing services and educating families in TBI. • Ideas include a possible Request for Proposal (RFP) for first responders/Law/Clergy to work with training around TBI. • Work with Peer Mentor Programs • Increase Veterans and their family's access to information and services. • Providers need to be trained in Military Culture. Legislative- S. Farmer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report given above 		
Conclusions	Committees continue ongoing work.		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative committee and the Council will continue advocacy. 	Legislative Committee	Ongoing	

Ms. Ornitz thanked everyone for their participation and with no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. Respectively submitted by Janice White, TBI Program Coordinator, DMH/DD/SAS.